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COLD STORAGE REPORT  
AS OF JUNE 1, 1938

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report based on data furnished by cold storage warehouses throughout the country. The report contains stocks on hand as of June 1, 1938, with comparisons, for the following groups of commodities: Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy and Poultry Products, and Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard. Special tables of cold storage holdings by States or geographic divisions of the country are included for cream, butter, American cheese, eggs, poultry, and apples. Because of the seasonal interest in the cherry pack and holdings, there is included this month a table showing cold storage stocks of cherries by geographic regions.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The movement of apples out of cold storage during May apparently was the heaviest recorded for that month, except for 1924. Apple holdings in cold storage, as reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on June 1, were 1,965,000 bushels (or bushel equivalents). Cold storage withdrawals for May 1938, therefore, totaled close to 4,000,000 bushels.

Seasonal decreases were recorded during May for most items of cold-pack and quick-freeze fruits held in cold storage. Strawberries were the important exception. Cold-pack and quick-freeze activities in the important strawberry areas of Virginia contributed substantially to the 2,000,000-pound increase in the June 1 stocks of strawberries compared with the previous month.

Stocks of quick-freeze vegetables were 21,392,000 pounds, which is a slight decrease below the stocks of the previous month. The increase in unclassified vegetables during May may be attributed largely to new supplies of "quick-freeze" asparagus.

Commodity	June 1, 5-yr.av. 1933-37	June 1, 1937	May 1, 1938	June 1, 1938
- Thousands -				
Apples.....barrels.....	26	3	32	12
Apples.....western boxes	856	899	2,318	796
Apples.....bushels <u>1</u> /...	548	479	3,365	1,133
TOTAL apples.....bushels.....	1,484	1,387	5,779	1,965
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.		1	2	1
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes..		-	1	1
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	16	18	67	14
Pears.....baskets.....	1	1	3	2
FROZEN FRUITS: <u>2</u> /				
Strawberries.....pounds.....		16,230	20,166	22,131
Blueberries.....".....		1,472	6,531	6,041
Cherries.....".....		3,707	15,503	13,941
Other fruits.....".....		27,379	52,898	48,194
TOTAL frozen fruits.....".....	51,032	48,783	95,098	90,307
FROZEN VEGETABLES:				
Peas.....".....		1,931	6,700	6,067
Beans, cut.....".....		768	1,628	1,623
Beans, Lima.....".....		1,774	3,444	3,144
Corn.....".....		534	1,823	1,714
Spinach.....".....		328	1,925	1,798
Unclassified vegetables.....".....		925	6,312	7,046
TOTAL frozen vegetables.....".....		6,260	21,832	21,392

1/ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

2/ Includes considerable quantities of cold pack and preserved fruits.



DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Stocks of 40-percent cream showed a heavy movement into storage during May - the increase during that month amounting to 157,000 cans (40-quart).

Creamery butter stocks in cold storage on June 1 (54,408,000 pounds) were the highest of record for that date, exceeding the heavy holdings in 1930 by approximately 4,000,000 pounds.

June 1 holdings of American cheese totaled 79,303,000 pounds, which is a net into-storage increase during May of 13,536,000 pounds. The June 1 stocks exceeded the previous record stocks of a year ago by 7,700,000 and were 24,000,000 pounds above average June 1 holdings (1933-37). For other varieties of cheese, notably Swiss, brick and Munster, and Limburger, the June 1 stocks were well below those of a year ago and the 5-year (1933-37) average holdings.

Shell eggs held in cold storage on June 1 amounted to 5,091,000 cases, the lowest holdings recorded on June 1 since 1917. Supplies of frozen eggs continue to be fairly heavy.

An out-of-storage movement for total frozen poultry amounted to approximately 8,000,000 pounds during May. Stocks of broilers and roasters continue to be slightly below the 5-year average holdings.

Commodity			June 1 5-yr.av. 1933-37	June 1, 1937	May 1, 1938	June 1, 1938
			- Thousands -			
Cream, 40% .....	40-qt.cans		107	106	59	216
Cream, 20% .....	" "		4	10	1	9
Butter, creamery .....	pounds ...		27,895	22,904	19,574	1/ 54,408
Butter, packing stock .....	" ...			236	231	370
Cheese, American .....	" ...		55,256	71,603	65,767	79,303
Cheese, Swiss .....	" ...		3,544	3,455	2,852	2,771
Cheese, brick and Munster ...	" ...		821	785	497	520
Cheese, Limburger .....	" ...		576	595	282	399
Cheese, all other varieties .	" ...		6,305	8,570	6,891	8,138
TOTAL cheese .....	" ...		66,502	85,008	76,289	91,131
Eggs, shell .....	cases ....		7,051	7,300	3,204	5,091
Eggs, frozen .....	pounds ...		98,219	133,132	115,874	130,840
Eggs, frozen, case equiv. 2/	cases ....		2,806	3,804	3,311	3,738
TOTAL eggs, case equiv. 3/	" ....		9,857	11,104	6,515	8,829
Broilers .....	pounds ...		4,880	9,044	4,651	4,257
Fryers .....	" ...		3,745	5,125	5,286	3,767
Roasters .....	" ...		10,597	12,659	11,962	8,815
Fowls .....	" ...		6,413	13,041	11,300	9,020
Turkeys .....	" ...		13,811	25,106	14,743	12,926
Ducks .....	" ...		1,401	3,453	1,458	3,143
Miscellaneous poultry .....	" ...		9,239	13,912	10,653	10,095
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY .....	" ...		50,091	82,340	60,053	52,023

1/ Includes 1,587,000 pounds of creamery butter held by various states for relief distribution; not subject to resale.

2/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

3/ SPECIAL NOTE: 74 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of June 1, 1938, were classified as follows:

Whites .....	32 percent
Yolks .....	23 "
Mixed .....	45 "

FROZEN AND CURED MEATS  
(INCLUDING LARD)

Stocks of frozen and cured beef were 33,506,000 pounds on June 1 compared with 86,168,000 pounds a year ago and the 5-year (1933-37) average June 1 holdings of 54,782,000 pounds. While not the lowest holdings of record for this date, present stocks are well below those of the past 4 years.

Holdings of frozen and cured pork were comparatively low on June 1, being approximately 133,000,000 pounds less than the 5-year average June 1 stocks.

Total stocks of frozen and cured meats amounted to 547,875,000 pounds, the lowest June 1 holdings of record. The previous record holdings were 550,469,000 pounds in 1936. Average holdings of frozen and cured meats during the past 5 years on June 1 were 700,976,000 pounds.

Lard stocks apparently are well below those of a year ago on June 1, although the holdings are nearly 2,000,000 pounds in excess of a month ago.

Commodity	June 1 5-yr.av. 1933-37	June 1, 1937	May 1, 1938	June 1, 1938
- Thousand Pounds -				
Beef, frozen .....	37,181	62,854	29,481	24,013
Beef in process of cure .....	10,786	11,933	8,165	7,347
Beef, cured .....	6,815	11,381	2,499	2,146
TOTAL beef .....	54,782	86,168	40,145	33,506
Pork, frozen .....	169,554	261,948	167,167	141,233
Pork, dry salt, in process of cure ...	44,923	40,687	41,097	38,947
Pork, dry salt, cured .....	43,106	43,799	39,507	35,446
Pork, pickled, in process of cure ....	196,419	178,679	137,215	138,166
Pork, pickled, cured .....	129,959	138,544	115,578	96,901
TOTAL pork .....	583,961	663,657	500,564	450,693
Lamb and mutton, frozen .....	2,051	2,950	2,121	2,132
Frozen & cured trimmings & edible offal	60,182	82,649	63,895	61,544
TOTAL MEATS .....	700,976	835,424	606,725	547,875
Lard .....	135,450	194,477	121,890	123,736



COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, JUNE 1, 1938  
BY STATES, FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES

STATE	CREAM (40-qt. cans)	BUTTER Lbs.	AMERICAN CHEESE Lbs.	EGGS Cases	FROZEN EGGS Lbs.	TOTAL POULTRY Lbs.
	- Thousands -					
Massachusetts .....	8	1,549	1,825	116	2,025	2,495
Other States .....		461	289	26	841	397
NEW ENGLAND .....	8	2,010	2,114	142	2,866	2,892
New York .....	147	4,947	10,344	418	10,590	11,658
New Jersey .....	6	2,078	2,956	490	7,673	5,193
Pennsylvania .....	11	3,038	1,514	212	6,980	2,298
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ...	164	10,063	14,814	1,120	25,243	19,149
Ohio .....	9	1,875	629	301	4,583	555
Indiana .....		241	60	31	2,472	366
Illinois .....	7	17,032	4,348	1,522	17,656	9,466
Michigan .....	5	1,691	680	147	1,498	1,162
Wisconsin .....	8	681	40,587	117	1,319	555
EAST N. CENTRAL ...	29	21,520	46,304	2,118	27,528	12,104
Minnesota .....	11	6,456	578	220	3,717	2,224
Iowa .....		1,535	75	95	4,487	1,521
Missouri .....	3	2,260	994	251	22,582	2,595
Nebraska .....		1,411	445	104	3,671	2,590
Kansas .....		508	828	121	7,128	307
Dakotas .....		141	0	2	1	4
WEST N. CENTRAL ...	14	12,311	2,920	793	41,586	9,241
SOUTH ATLANTIC ....		1,904	2,135	107	2,395	823
Kentucky .....		554	100	20	1,817	539
Tennessee .....		344	116	139	3,036	250
Alabama & Mississippi .		404	445	22	324	32
EAST S. CENTRAL ...		1,302	661	181	5,177	821
Oklahoma .....		300	224	33	5,229	36
Texas .....		964	2,617	96	11,820	252
Arkansas & Louisiana ..		97	144	20	2,552	122
WEST S. CENTRAL ...		1,361	2,985	149	19,601	410
Colorado .....		309	442	60	595	182
Other States .....		43	1,851	32	108	169
MOUNTAIN .....		352	2,293	92	703	351
Washington .....		1,003	405	98	826	1,587
Oregon .....		244	1,035	36	508	362
California .....		2,338	3,637	255	4,407	4,283
PACIFIC .....		3,585	5,077	389	5,741	6,232
Other States, combined for cream only .....	6					
UNITED STATES .....	221	54,408	79,303	5,091	130,840	52,023

APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

STATE	JUNE 1, 1938				JUNE 1, 1937
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
			- Thousands -		
Massachusetts ....	--	6	57	63	19
New York .....	--	8	371	379	180
New Jersey .....	--	--	76	76	86
Pennsylvania .....	--	9	79	88	57
Ohio .....	--	9	70	79	43
Indiana .....	--	2	5	7	20
Illinois .....	--	52	109	161	160
Michigan .....	--	--	51	51	34
Wisconsin .....	--	--	14	14	13
Missouri .....	--	12	22	34	62
Virginia .....	12	2	224	262	53
Texas .....	--	32	--	32	31
Washington .....	--	419	--	419	371
Oregon .....	--	--	--	--	11
California .....	--	185	--	185	181
Other States .....	--	60	55	115	66
UNITED STATES ..	12	796	1,133	1,965	1,387

CHERRIES IN COLD STORAGE

(Quick-freeze and cold-pack processes)

GEOGRAPHIC REGION	JUNE 1	
	1937	1938
	- 1,000 pounds -	
New England .....	139	301
Middle Atlantic .....	2,015	7,756
East North Central ...	1,201	3,992
West North Central ...	211	621
Pacific .....	58	860
All other regions ....	83	411
TOTAL UNITED STATES	3,707	13,941

